

Feb. 20th.

Dear Sir:

The people of the western cities of the United States are disturbed over the circumstance that the waters of the great lakes have apparently fallen nearly two feet during the past few months. The facts in regard to the level of the lakes that have appeared in scientific publications seem not to have reached the general public, and much curiosity and some anxiety is felt in regard to the phenomenon. I beg to ask if you cannot consent to write for the Forum, be-

For March 25<sup>th</sup>, an article of  
from three thousand to four  
thousand words, giving the ge-  
ological history of the lakes,  
and the theories that are held  
by scientific men in regard to  
the great subsidences that oc-  
curred in the past, and the  
small changes of level that  
have taken place in modern  
times. I suggest as compen-  
sation the sum of one hundred  
dollars.

Hoping that you will be  
willing to favor me, I am, with  
great respect,

Yours very truly,

L. P. Metcalf

Sir John William Dawson.

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Amos  
Sep 1888

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